

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PATENT APPLICATION**

In re Application of: : Group Art Unit:  
**B. GIORA** :  
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Entitled: : Examiner:  
**DATA COMMUNICATIONS INTERFACES:**  
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: Docket No: **CH9-2000-0037**  
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Serial No.: : Mahopac, NY 10541  
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Filed: **January 31, 2001** : Date: **January 31, 2001**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

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In Claims:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2".

Claim 4, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to  
--claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to  
--claim 1--.

Claim 6, lines 2-3, change "any preceding claim" to  
--claim 1--.

Claim 7, lines 1-2, change "any of claims 1 to 5" to  
--claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 2, change "any of claims 1 to 5" to  
--claim 1--.

Claim 13, line 1, delete "claim 10 or".

REMARKS

Multiple dependency has been eliminated. Please enter  
this amendment before calculation of the filing fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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